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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104 and Section 63-19-105, relative to physician assistants.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(2), is amended by adding the following language after the word "part" and before the semicolon (;) at the end of that subdivision:

and establish and collect a late renewal fee from those physician assistants who fail to renew their certificates in a timely manner

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(4), is amended by deleting the second sentence of that subdivision in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

The committee shall condition approval for renewal on the receipt of evidence satisfactory to the committee of the applicant's successful completion of one hundred (100) hours of continuing medical education approved by the American Academy of Physician Assistants or the American Medical Association;

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SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-104(a)(7), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of that subdivision:

When sanctions are imposed on a certificate holder pursuant to this subdivision, the certificate holder may, in addition, be required to pay the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105(a), is amended by adding the words "or its successor accrediting agency" immediately after the words "Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association" in subdivisions (1) and (2) of that subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) The board or the committee may require that an applicant for certification as a physician assistant appear before the board or the committee to answer any questions regarding the applicant's fitness for certification.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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